

APRIL 2023 **HAPPY EASTER**

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William Morehouse Scholarship

DEADLINE IS APRIL 12

The William Morehouse scholarship for 2023 has been released. This scholarship is to assist students who are entering a course of study specific to residential construction industry. Applicant must be a high school senior, graduate, or a college student attending a 1, 2 or 4 year college or a certificate program. Also, applicant must be a US citizen.

Deadline:

April 12 – Student send application to local HBA, set up interview.

Sections for First Time Applicants:

[2023 App Instructions](#)

[2023 App for First Time](#)

[2023 Wm. Photo Release](#)

Section for Returning Applicants:

[2023 App Instructions](#)

[2023 App for Returning](#)



Three Chord Bourbon Tasting Recap

Three Chord Bourbon hosted a special tasting on March 14th at the Centro Cultural di Buffalo for BNBA Members Only. They did a motivating presentation highlighting their support in the music business and what Three Chord stands for. The event was a great success and well attended.

Thank you to our sponsors Block, Longo & Lamarca PC and Forbes Capretto Homes.



Bowling Bonanza-May 4th at Spare Lanes Sign up today!



Everyone loves to bowl. Come alone or form a team with 4-6 people. Space is limited to bowl, so sign up early!

Bowlers: Bowling, network, cocktails, appetizers-\$65
Non-Bowlers: Network, cocktails, appetizers-\$55

Members and Non-Members are welcome

Sponsorships are available!

RSVP by 4/27, Sponsors by 4/24

SCAN QR CODE OR



Thirsty Thursday is Back!!

April- 6

Appetizers are Sponsored by: Big L Windows & Doors

Where: Giancarlos Steakhouse, 5110 Main St. Williamsville, 14221

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

No need to RSVP, just stop by!

June - 15

Appetizers are Sponsored by: Capital One

Where: tbd

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

No need to RSVP, just stop by!



Thirsty
THURSDAYS

Want to know how it works? [How it works](#)

Sponsor-Pick a month & a Thursday, its as easy as that. These are cash bar gatherings. No need to RSVP, just stop in!

Contact: Jennifer@conexbuff.com or 716-874-3435x212



Government Affairs Corner

Government Affairs Updates & Actions

Notable Points:

Bill Tuyn reported that there will be a Fall Housing Summit that will be taking place near Albany. More details will be coming on this event. This will highlight New Urbanism and include many high profile groups.

Mike Fazio, Executive Vice President of NYSBA attended our Board of Directors meeting and reported on the Condo Bill. This is not in the budget and is at a stand still at this point. Affordable housing continues to be an issue. Electrification has shown to have a negative impact on WNY. The power grid can not handle the amount of electricity that is needed on a day to day basis. Mike gave an example of a home owner putting in a charging station resulting in the neighbor having black outs. A transformer would need to be put at every individual home to accommodate the transition from gas to electric.

Webinar-Lobbying 101-April 11, 2023
Lobby Day is April 25, 2023.

Meeting Notes/Upcoming Meetings:

Town of Amherst meeting was Monday, March 6th.

- The temporary C of O will be pushed back from the May 1st date. The new date will depend on the weather, it could be June or a July date.
- Make sure the contacts are up to date when status emails go to the home builders. There can be several emails to which information is distributed to.
- Home builders can also sign up for electronic submittals, this is a separate sign on then just being able to see the status of your permits that you are able to see now.
- One last option is that if there are any new project managers that need to be trained on the submittal process, Rich Chudy, Asst. Code Enforcement Officer can do that.

Erie County Water Authority met on March 21st. There was a concern with the rise in fees. These will be sent to the BNBA for early notification. The budget is discussed in November in which time we will be notified of changes. January 1st the new budget goes into effect.

National Fuel-will be meeting on April 18th at 1:30pm in the office on William St. This will be in regards to delay in installation of meters and the use of propane in the interim. If you are interested in attending please contact Jennifer-jennifer@conexbuff.com.

Affordable Energy Poll - Does NY want to keep their natural gas?

The Siena College Research for New Yorkers for Affordable Energy conducted a survey with the climate change and what use of energy will make sense and cost effective. There were several stakeholders that voiced their thoughts and here is just one reaction, to read the results and more details on this poll please click below for the full results.
Here are a few points that were taken from the survey.

87% are concerned about the cost of getting away from heating with natural gas, propane or oil.
83% of consumers say they are not willing to pay more then \$100 more a month on their energy bills.

Dottie Gallagher, President/CEO of Buffalo Niagara Partnership spoke of the ban of natural gas being impractical and irresponsible. "New York can and must safeguard both our environment, but in a practical way that safeguards our economy"

[Full Results](#)
[Albany Reacts Regarding Buffalo Blizzard](#)
[National Fuel and the Future of Energy in NYS](#)

Electrification- Points on All-Electrification of Building, in the NYS Budget
Please feel free to read and pass along this information to those who would benefit.

[Proposal of All Electrification](#)

Next meeting will be April 17th at 11:30am via zoom.



STAY INFORMED

2023 Event Schedule

Thirsty Thursday- April 6
Giancarlos, Big L Windows & Doors,
5:00-7:00pm

Bowling Bonanza-May 4
512 Pearl St. 5:00-7:00pm

Thirsty Thursday- June 15
TBD, Capital One 5:00-7:00pm



Thirsty Thursday-July-Open

Annual Golf Outing-August 3
Diamond Hawk Golf Club

BNBA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS APRIL 1

Who would like to go to the International Builders Show in 2024 for FREE? You bring in the most members and be put in the running for an awesome trip with \$1000 travel stipend. Plus, the BNBA is awarded \$500. In addition to all that, if you are a Spike club member you earn bonus credits during this drive. This is sponsored by NAHB.

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**AWARD
WINNING
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STUDY VIDEO**

VIDEO WINS AN AWARD: This video won **Best Learning Video** from the Brandon Hall Group. Bullettproof paired with Elliott did an amazing job incorporating what the BNBA wanted to regarding Home building in this area.



Dr. Elliot Eisenberg, PH.D, Expert Economist explains the importance of the home building industry in our area. The BNBA and the National Association of Home Builders have studied the Metro Buffalo area and Dr. Eisenberg reports on the results in the short video. [Impact Study Video](#). [Zoom with Elliott](#). This is the recording of the interview with Elliot at the VIP Builder Presentation Event. This was through zoom from Florida.

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Building Permits for New Residential Single-Family Construction

****In lieu of non-current reports-click [Building Permit Database](#) to visit the website ****

2023 Statistics have not been released, so the numbers are the same as last month.

January 2022 YTD


- Amherst 10
- Buffalo 2
- Cheektowaga 0
- Clarence 10
- Grand Island 5
- Hamburg 0
- Lancaster 10
- Orchard Park 0
- West Seneca 2

Total Units 39

January 2023 YTD

- Amherst 5
- Buffalo 2
- Cheektowaga 0
- Clarence 4
- Grand Island 4
- Hamburg 3
- Lancaster 2
- Orchard Park 4
- West Seneca 2

Total Units 26



JOIN THE BNBA

HOW

1. Bnba.org
2. Click "Become a Member"

2023 President
David Capretto

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Secretary - Darlene Williams
Treasurer - Jeff Naab
Presidential Appointee - Phil Nanula
Immediate Past President - James Marrano
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